(b) if so, what are the reasons for retendering for Heera Process Complex;

(c) what are the field development schemes under execution at present in both Heera Field and Bombay High South Field for gas production; and

(d) what are the development works with their cost, the estimate envisaged for each of the two Fields other than that tendered recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tenders had to be re-invited mainly due to change in the production profile as a result of reservoir and water injection studies carried out by ONGC.

(c) No separate development scheme for gas production in Heera and Bombay High South Fields is under execution as these are essentially oil fields having some associated gas.

(d) Studies in this regard are under way, Cost estimates will become known after these exercises are completed.

Scheme for Field Development for Natural Gas production

3417. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details in respect of each scheme planned or proposed to be launched by Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan in the Western offshore;

(b) what are the names of the companies and value of contracts awarded to each one of them for natural gas field development work in the western offshore since January, 1985 so far; and

(c) what is the production of associated and natural gas separately in the country in each year for the last three years and the projections for the same for each subsequent year till the year 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be aid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The information is as under:

Year	Production (million cubic metres)	
	Associated gas	Free gas
1984-85 . .	6837	404
1985-86 . .	7611	523
1986-87 . . (Provisional)	9198	641
The projections beyond 1986-87 are as under :		
1987-88 . .	9224	2577
1988-89 . .	9018	4833
1989-90 . .	8926	7712
1990-91 . .	8909	9614

It is not possible at this stage to indicate firm projections beyond 1990-91 as they would depend upon development of new fields.

Modification of existing rates of royalty

3418. PROF. N. M. KAMBLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to modify the existing rates of royalty to be given to the oil producing States; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.